

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably mountable to a support stand~~adapter operable to support a computing device,~~ comprising:

said computing device; and

said adapter;

said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,

said adapter including:

a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand; and

a latch provided from said top surface,~~operable to engage a~~ engaging said cooperating opening in a said computing device to secure a said computing device to said top surface of said support plate.

2. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 1 wherein ~~the said~~ computing device is a portable computing device

3. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector

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includes a threaded stud exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

4. (currently amended) The adapter-assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A supported assembly including the adapter-assembly of claim 1, further comprising having a said support stand, said support stand including a tripod mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

6. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-supported assembly~~ of claim ~~6~~ 5 wherein ~~the~~ said support stand includes a photography tripod.

7. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim 2 wherein said portable computing device has a bottom surface, said cooperating opening includes a secure keyhole in said bottom surface, and said latch is operable to engage a engages said secure keyhole ~~provided in a bottom surface of the portable computing device.~~

8. (currently amended) The adapter-assembly of claim 7 wherein said adapter includes a plurality of said latches ~~are provided from said top surface.~~

9. (currently amended) The ~~adapter assembly~~ of claim 8 wherein said adapter further ~~comprising includes~~ one or more pivots operable to guide ~~the said~~ portable computing device to an engaging position with said adapter.

10. (currently amended) The ~~adapter assembly~~ of claim 2 wherein said support plate further comprises one or more sidewalls extending upwardly from said top surface, said one or more sidewalls having dimensions such that when said adapter is ~~attached~~ mounted to the said portable computing device, said one or more sidewalls does not obstruct elements of ~~the said~~ portable computing device normally available for use in normal operation.

11. (currently amended) The ~~adapter assembly~~ of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating with corresponding electrical connectors of ~~the said~~ portable computing device and a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the electrical connectors of ~~the said~~ portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

12. (currently amended) The ~~adapter assembly~~ of claim 11 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a port replicator for ~~the said~~ portable computing device.

13. (currently amended) The ~~adapter assembly~~ of claim 12 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a docking station for ~~the said~~ portable computing device.

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14. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter
engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably
mountable to a support stand~~adapter operable to support a computing device,~~
comprising:

said computing device; and

said adapter;

said computing device having electrical connectors and at least one cooperating
opening for engagement by a latch,

said adapter including:

a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said
top surface;

a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably
mount said support plate to a support stand;

a latch provided from said top surface, ~~operable to engage a~~ engaging
said cooperating opening in a said computing device to secure a said computing device
to said top surface of said support plate;

a plurality of interior electrical connectors ~~for mating~~ mated with said
corresponding electrical connectors of said the portable computing device; and

a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical
connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of
corresponding cables, thereby connecting ~~the said electrical connectors of said portable~~
computing device to the corresponding cables.

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15. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim 14 wherein ~~the~~ said computing device is a portable computing device having a bottom surface, and said cooperating opening includes having a secure keyhole in a said bottom surface of said portable computing device thereof, wherein and said latch engages ~~the~~ said secure keyhole in ~~the~~ said portable computing device.

16. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud extending outwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

17. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening extending inwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

18. (currently amended) An ~~A supported~~ assembly including the ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim 14, further comprising having a said support stand mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

19. (currently amended) The ~~adapter-assembly~~ of claim ~~14~~ 15 wherein said portable

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computing device includes a plurality of said secure keyholes, and said adapter including a plurality of said latches are provided from said top surface, said latches operable to engage a ~~engaging~~ said plurality of secure keyholes of the ~~said~~ portable computing device.

20. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device~~adapter operable to support a computing device~~, comprising:

said computing device; and

said adapter;

said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,

said adapter including:

a support plate having a top surface and a side surface adjacent said top surface;

a connector provided from said side surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a cooperating support, the cooperating support oriented in a substantially vertical direction; and

a latch provided from said top surface, ~~said latch operable to engage a engaging said cooperating opening in a said computing device to secure a said computing device~~ to said top surface of said support plate.